

10/552878

JC20 Rec'd PCT/PTO 12 OCT 2005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: TERRENCE R. LANGFORD

DOCKET NO.: 122123.00004US2

INTERNATIONAL APPL. NO.: PCT/US04/001092

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: 16 January 2004 (16.01.2004)

PRIORITY APPLICATION: PCT/US03/012027

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: 18 April 2003 (18.04.2003)

TITLE: SUPPLEMENTAL OZONE TREATMENT FOR ENSURING THE  
STERILITY OF INSTRUMENT CLEANING SYSTEMS

---

Mail Stop PCT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Gavin J. Milczarek-Desai  
Quarles & Brady Streich Lang  
One South Church Ave., Suite 1700  
Tucson, AZ 85701

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In keeping with the duty of candor and good faith owed to the Patent and Trademark Office, applicants wish to make of record the items on attached PTO Form 1449. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), copies of the foreign references and literature articles are provided.

Applicants believe that none of the foregoing referenced material, alone or in combination, anticipates or renders obvious their invention.

Respectfully submitted,

---

  
Gavin J. Milczarek-Desai  
Reg. No. 45,801

Date: 10-11-05

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO		<b>Complete if Known</b>	
		Application Number	10/1552878
		Filing Date	
		First Named Inventor	Terrence R. Langford
		Art Unit	
		Examiner Name	
		Attorney Docket Number	122123.00004US2
Sheet	1	of	2

## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

*(Use as many sheets as necessary)*

Sheet 1 of 2

**U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> - Number <sup>4</sup> - Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		WO 00/02595	01/20/2000	Duroselle		
		WO 01/58500A1	08/16/2001	Daintree et al.		
		WO 02/32467A1	04/25/2002	Guess		
		EP 0 356 896 B1	01/05/1994	Ameseder		
		EP 0 470 116 B1	12/14/1994	Schwienbacher		
		EP 0 664 715 B1	06/12/1996	Duroselle		

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup>Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup>See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO		<i>Complete if Known</i>	
<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>			
<i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>			
Sheet	2	of	2
		Attorney Docket Number	
		122123.00004US2	

<b>NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS</b>			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	
		MUSCARELLA, L., AAMI STWG61 Chemical Sterilants Hospital Practices Working Group, Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation, AAMI TIR7:1999, Arlington, VA	
		Outpatient Surgery Magazine, Hospital, Sterilizer Manufacturer Debate Responsibility for Deadly Bacterial Outbreak	
		APPLEBY, JULIE, Widely Used Sterilizer Under Attack, USA Today, January 21, 2003	

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.  
This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.